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### Written Response: August 3, 2010

TO: Parties Interested In Invitation for Bids (IFB) Number OMR2010-001 Amargosa Mine Closure Services

FROM: Sarah Reeves, Engineering Geologist, Abandoned Mine Lands Unit  
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SUBJECT: **RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS: IFB Number OMR2010-001**

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This memo provides responses to questions received by the Abandoned Mine Lands Unit (AMLU) regarding the subject IFB. The IFB is available on the Internet:

[http://www.consrv.ca.gov/omr/abandoned\\_mine\\_land/Docs/BLM-ARRA%20Amargosa%20IFB.pdf](http://www.consrv.ca.gov/omr/abandoned_mine_land/Docs/BLM-ARRA%20Amargosa%20IFB.pdf)

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### Written Response: July 28, 2010

1. **Question 1:** *Do I need to submit MSHA, CPR and first aid certificates for all workers?*

**Response:** The required certification for MSHA, CPR and first aid must be provided for all workers that will be performing work onsite.

2. **Question 2:** *How can I provide certifications for workers I have not hired yet?*

**Response:** Certification must be provided for all workers onsite before work can commence. If workers have not been hired by the time the bid is submitted, you must provide information that details when and where training will occur once the workers have been hired with your bid submittal. Once a contract is awarded and the new workers have been hired, certifications must be submitted before work can commence.

3. **Question 3:** *I have lots of experience in welding and working in confined spaces, but I do not have specific experience working with AML closure installation. Should I even bid on this IFB?*

**Response:** The AMLU program anticipates the need for an increasing number of these closures throughout the state which, in turn, will likely increase the need for trained and qualified contractors to do this kind of work. All bids are evaluated based on relevant experience, possession of the required licenses, certifications and insurance and the price for the work to be done. We do weight experience with installing bat compatible structures and PUF higher than no direct experience, but having no direct experience with these closures will not automatically eliminate your bid if you can demonstrate that the type of work experience you have is relevant or applicable to the work requested in the IFB.

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**Written Response: July 29, 2010**

4. **Question 1:** *Is there any town or community that is near the location of the Amargosa Mine Closure Services project?*

**Response:** The nearest town to the project site is Baker, CA located 34 miles south of the project site. It is a small town and services may be limited. The nearest city is Barstow, CA located about 65 miles to the west of the Project site.

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**Written Response: August 2, 2010**

5. **Question 1:** *If I will be a subcontractor on this project do I need to submit a bid for my portion of the work?*

**Response:** No, the primary contractor should prepare the bid for the whole project and submit only one bid. Any subcontractors performing work onsite shall provide the primary contractor with all of the required certifications (e.g. CPR, First Aid, and MSHA) to be submitted with the bid.

6. **Question 1:** *Are there specifics on the type of polyurethane foam to be used?*

**Response:** Unless otherwise specified, PUF shall have a minimum installed density of 2.5 pounds per cubic foot (pcf), have a closed cell content greater than 90%, and be 100% water-blown (i.e., does not contain chlorofluorocarbons [CFCs] or hydrofluorocarbons [HFCs] including HFC- 245FA). Bagged PUF shall be equivalent to Foam Concepts, LLC "EFS Equipmentless Foam Sealant" (800-556-9641, [www.foamconceptsinc.com](http://www.foamconceptsinc.com)).

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7. **Question 1:** *The form asks for the hours, rates and categories to be used on the project. In the interest of uniformity among bidders, will this be the published rate in the wage decision or the published rate plus the costs of FICA, UEI, WC etc?*

**Response:** Since ARRA funding will be used for this project, contractors must comply with published Davis-Bacon wage schedule. The hourly rate should be the published rate plus the additional benefit costs associated with that worker, often referred to as the loaded rate. Other typical non-wage related business overhead costs such as utilities, rent, etc are not to be included in the loaded rate.